

ATTACHMENT B
Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 1-2 with the following amended paragraph.

The present invention relates to an apparatus for sorting products, such as fruits,
and, in particular, an apparatus for sorting and conveying a product in a substantially
horizontal plane, one product behind the other as described in the preamble of claim 1.

Please replace the original Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to an An apparatus is provided for sorting products such as fruits, the. The apparatus comprising: comprises an endless conveyor, for instance a chain; and conveying units for conveying the products, all one behind the each other in a conveying direction and situated in a substantially horizontal plane, each connected with the conveyor, and each for conveying a single product, wherein each. Each conveying unit is formed by: by at least two rolling elements with the axes perpendicular to the conveying direction, for instance diabolo-like rolling elements; a connecting element by which each rolling element is rotatably and vertically movably connected with the conveyor; and a carrier element arranged between the rolling elements, while wherein at least in an inspection position, each product is situated on two successive rolling elements, and in a weighing position, each product is situated on the carrier element, and each carrier element is connected with moving means for moving the carrier element to and from the weighing position for laterally discharging the product onto an output apparatus, wherein the discharge guide means assume the discharge position when they are energized by energizing means, while discharge positions for lateral discharge on both sides of the conveyor can be assumed. More particularly, the. A discharge guide means comprise comprises a leaf spring, which leaf spring assumes has a rest position in the case of during conveyance and weighing, and has a deflection position present only upon movement transition to and from the a discharge position. Compact and widely deployable sorting machines are thus enabled in an advantageous manner.